

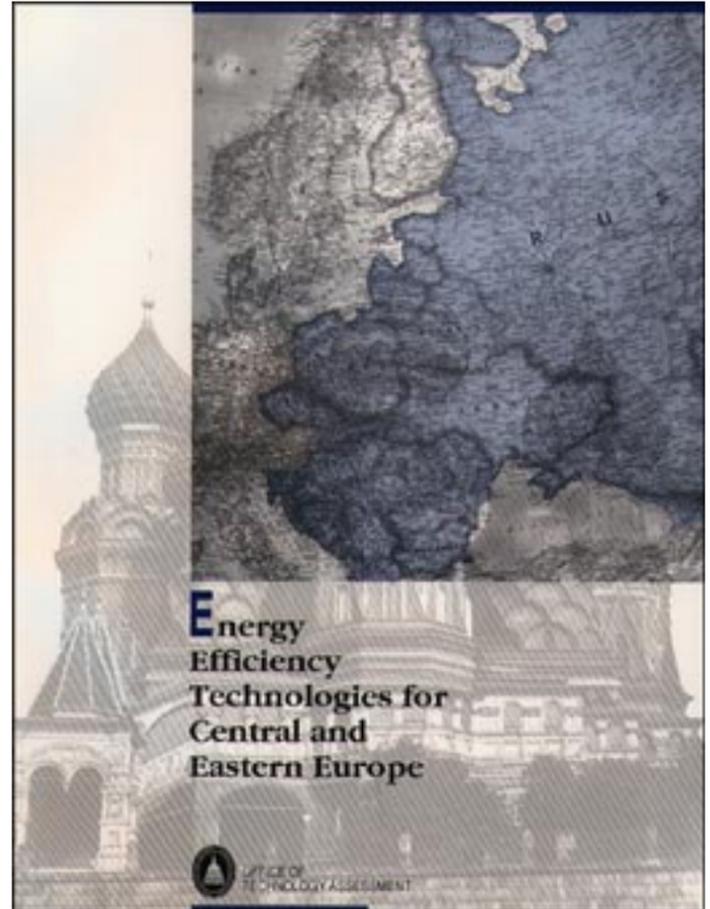
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Foreword

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and the House Subcommittee on International Development, Finance, Trade, and Monetary Policy requested an assessment of energy and environmental technology transfer to Central and Eastern Europe. The intent is to determine how U.S. energy technology can help in resolving the economic and environmental problems of the region, and the impact of measures to expedite the process.

This report, the first of two from that assessment, focuses on the improvement of energy efficiency. It reviews how energy is used in the former centrally planned economies. Then it analyzes the potential effectiveness of modern technology in reducing energy waste and the factors that constrain improvements. The report also examines government programs assisting energy efficiency technology transfer and opportunities for U.S. businesses. Finally, it discusses congressional policy options to support technology transfer.

Technology transfer to improve the efficiency of energy use is a highly cost-effective way to support economic reform, democratization, and stability in the former Communist countries. Energy is used very wastefully in Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary and other formerly centrally planned economies. This waste limits economic development and contributes to local and global environmental degradation. Thus this report is timely for congressional deliberations on assistance to the region, on how to increase U.S. exports, and on how to reduce environmental problems.

The second report, to be released in 1994, will address issues of energy supply as well as continuing the analysis of energy efficiency.

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